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This Apple is held in much esteem by the amateurs of fruit generally, and is spoken of in terms of very high commendation by Mr. BILLINGSLEY, in his "Survey of *Somersetshire*," in which county it is said to have been recently raised, at the place from whence the name is derived, from a seed of the *Golden Pippin*, which variety it somewhat resembles both in form and colour; though it is usually much larger.

The trees are vigorous and healthy, and produce fruit in abundance, particularly when worked as *Dwarf Standards*. The fruit is nearly oval, broad and flattened at the end next the stalk, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches in length, and nearly as much in width at the widest part, tapering towards the eye, which is well formed, open, and sunk in a shallow cavity, surrounded by a few plaits. The skin is smooth, generally of a greenish yellow while the fruit remains on the tree; subsequently becoming of a fine transparent gold colour, with a tinge of red, and some streaks of a deeper tint on the part next the sun; near the stalk are a few russet stripes, and the whole surface is sprinkled over with minute brown dots. Footstalk from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch long, slender, inserted in a deep narrow cavity. The flesh is yellowish, rather firm, of a pleasant rich flavour, with a considerable portion of acid.